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SUBJECT: ECEVIT VISIT TO MOSCOW: SOVIEIT POSITION ON THE CYPRIOT INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS

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- 1. WE ARE UNCLEAR AS TO WHAT PROCEDURE THE SOVIETS CURRENTLY ADVOCATE IN CONNECTION WITH THE CYPRUS QUESTION. PARAGRAPH TWO OF REFTEL A) AND RECENT GREEK PRESS REPORTS INDICATE THAT DURING THE RECENT ECEVIT VISIT, MOSCOW ABANDONED ITS CALL FOR AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CYPRUS AND ENDORSED THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS INSTEAD.
- 2. GREEK MFA OFFICIALS UNDERLINE TO US THAT THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED IN CONNECTION WITH ECEVIT'S VISIT IS SIMILAR TO A DOCUMENT -- DIFFERING IN ONLY A FEW MINOR WORDS -- PUBLISHED WHEN FORMER TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER CAGLAYANGIL WENT TO THE CONFIDENTIAL

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SOVIET UNION, AND THAT THERE IS NO NEW SOVIET POLICY.

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING TEXT OF THAT PORTION OF THE SOVIET -TURKISH COMMUNIQUE DEALING WITH CYPRUS AS WELL AS ADDRESSEE' READING WHETHER OR NOT THERE HAS INDEED BEEN A SHIFT IN THE SOVIET POSITION ON CYPRUS. MCCLOSKEY

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